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SUBJECT: JSP CHAIRMAN INTENDS US VISIT

SUMMARY. EMBOFF INFORMED THAT AT TAIL END OF CURRENT GENERAL ELECTION CAMPAIGN, JAPAN SOCIALIST PARTY (JSP) WILL ANNOUNCE ITS INTENTION TO SEND DELEGATION LED BY JSP CHAIRMAN TO US IN 1977. APART FROM SIGNIFICANCE OF MOVE AS CAMPAIGN TACTIC TO OVERCOME RADICAL IMAGE, ANNOUNCEMENT IS LIKELY TO BE INTERPRETED HERE AS SIGN OF GREATER JSP "REALISM." END SUMMARY.

1. JSP INTERNATIONAL BUREAU STAFFER (SUGIYAMA) TOLD EMBOFF DECEMBER 2 THAT OVER WEEKEND JSP WOULD ANNOUNCE ITS INTENTION TO SEND DELEGATION HEADED BY JSP CHAIRMAN TO US AFTER NEXT YEAR'S JSP CONVENTION, NOW SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY OR MARCH. SUGIYAMA THOUGHT THAT, GIVEN  
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PROXIMITY OF JUNE UPPER HOUSE ELECTION, HOWEVER, VISIT

LIKELY TO TAKE PLACE IN FALL. HE SAID VISIT WOULD GO FORWARD WHETHER OR NOT NARITA REMAINED AS JSP CHAIRMAN. ANNOUNCEMENT OF TRIP, HE SAID, WOULD BE MADE BY JSP SEC GEN ISHIBASHI IN SASEBO DECEMBER 3 IN TIME FOR DECEMBER 4 MORNING EDITIONS ON EVE OF DECEMBER 5 ELECTION DAY. SUGIYAMA APOLOGIZED FOR DELAY IN INFORMING US, POINTING OUT THAT SEC GEN HAD APPARENTLY AWAITED SUGIYAMA'S RETURN FROM GENEVA SESSION OF SOCIALIST INTERNATIONAL.

2. SUGIYAMA SAID DELEGATION WOULD PROBABLY CONSIST OF FIVE OR SIX JSP DIET MEMBERS INCLUDING CHAIRMAN. DELEGATIONS' TRIP WOULD BE PRECEDED BY ADVANCE TEAM VISIT LED BY JSP INTERNATIONAL BUREAU CHAIRMAN, LOWER HOUSE MEMBER KAWASAKI, IMMEDIATELY AFTER JSP CONVENTION. REFERRING TO SUCCESSFUL EDA VISIT TO US IN LATE 1975, STAFFER SAID HE HOPED CHAIRMAN'S US VISIT WOULD RECEIVE SAME WARM WELCOME -- AND PERHAPS EVEN BRIEF MEETING WITH PRESIDENT.

3. COMMENT. JSP HAS ALREADY ANNOUNCED VISITS TO PYONGYANG TO BE LED BY DIET MEMBER, TO SEOUL (PERHAPS LED BY JSP VICE CHAIRMAN EDA) AND TO MOSCOW, PRESUMABLY LED BY JSP CHAIRMAN. SUGIYAMA SAID PARTY HAS ALSO APPLIED FOR PEKING VISIT. WE FIND IT SIGNIFICANT THAT JSP IN ONE OF ITS FINAL ELECTION APPEALS SHOULD CHOOSE TO ANNOUNCE INTENTION TO VISIT US. ANNOUNCEMENT IS LIKELY TO BE WELCOMED HERE BY MEDIA AND OTHERS -- EVEN CONSERVATIVES -- AS SIGN OF INCREASED JSP "REALISM" AND WILLINGNESS TO SHOULDER RESPONSIBILITY. WE WILL KEEP IN TOUCH RE VISIT PLANS AS THEY DEVELOP.

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